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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION
English Language Declaration

I, a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BOAT LOADING SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE

the specification of which: (check one)

_____ is attached hereto.
X as filed on January 16, 2002 as Application Serial No. 10/052,704
and was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a-d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and also have identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Priority Claimed
YES NO

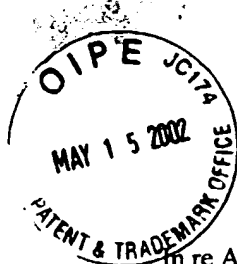
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), CERTIFICATE PURSUANT
TO 37 C.F.R. § 3.71 AND MPEP § 106, and POWER OF ATTORNEY**

In re Application of: Scott R. Allen
Serial No.: 10/052,704
Filed: January 16, 2002
Entitled: BOAT LOADING SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE

YAKIMA PRODUCTS, INC., a California Corporation, certifies, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of assignments from each of the inventor(s) named in the patent application identified above and their successors in interest. Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are submitted herewith.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and certifies that to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The above-identified assignee of record, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.71 and MPEP 106, hereby excludes all inventors and previous assignee(s), if any, from access to the above-identified patent application, and reserves its right to conduct the prosecution of the above-identified patent application to the exclusion of the named inventors and previous assignee(s).

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

YAKIMA PRODUCTS, INC.

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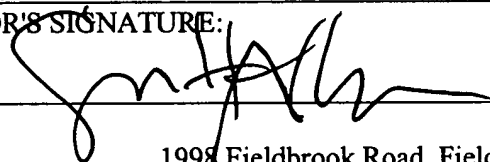
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